

14th JANUARY, 1803.

Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

## A B I L L

*To lay out and open a new public road in the county of Washington,  
in the District of Columbia.*

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,  
3 That a new public road or highway shall be laid out and opened,  
4 in the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia, from the  
5 northern end or extremity of west Fourteenth street, in the city  
6 of Washington, to the public road leading from Rock Creek  
7 Church to Georgetown, so as to connect the said street and last  
8 mentioned road in the most direct manner that the local circum-  
9 stances of the place will admit of.

1 **SECT. 2.** *And be it further enacted*, That the marshal of the  
2 district of Columbia shall be and hereby is authorized and directed

3 forthwith to summon and return a jury of twelve good and  
4 lawful men, being freeholders, of the county of Washing-  
5 ton, not interested or related to the party or parties over whose  
6 land such road may pass, to be and appear before him on the  
7 premises at a certain day and hour, (of which he shall give at  
8 least one week's public notice) in whose presence he shall  
9 open the said road, making it not less than thirty feet and  
10 not more than forty feet wide, and which jury upon their oath  
11 or affirmation shall enquire who is or are the owner or owners of  
12 the land over which said road so to be laid out and opened is to  
13 pass, and what damages such owner or owners will actually suf-  
14 fer from the passage of such road over the said land, the said jury  
15 taking into consideration all conveniences and inconveniences,  
16 advantages and disadvantages, if any, arising therefrom or there-  
17 by: Any, the said marshal shall return the inquisition of the jury  
18 aforesaid, under their hands and seals, and attested by his official  
19 signature and seal, to the next levy court of the county of Wash-  
20 ington, and the amount of damages therein expressed, if any,  
21 together with the reasonable costs and charges of the marshal for  
22 performing said service, shall be paid by order of the said court  
23 out of the monies assessed and collected for the straightening,  
24 opening or mending public roads in said county. And the said  
25 road, immediately after being laid out and opened, shall be con-  
26 sidered as one of the public roads of the county of Washington,  
27 and worked and improved accordingly.